(c) whether the inadequate number of cell sites is due to obstructionist attitude adopted by NDMC in delaying/refusing permission for cell sites; and

(d) whether Government have examined the whole issue; if so, with what results and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (d) Poor coverage of mobile services had been reported in some parts of Delhi especially in New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) area. This is primarily due to inability of the operators to install the required number of telecom towers/ cell sites in these areas due to the problems in getting the requisite permission from NDMC and other agencies.

Now, the NDMC and other agencies have started granting requisite permission for installation of telecom towers/cell sites and necessary steps are being taken by the mobile operators to install additional mobile towers in these areas to improve coverage.

Construction of BSNL mobile towers

†1698. DR. CHHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mobile towers proposed to be installed by BSNL, district-wise, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;

(b) by when these mobile towers would be installed in the country;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that signals are not received at BSNL mobiles on Bulandshahr-Shikarpur route in Bulandshahr district of Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) whether mobile towers are proposed to be installed on the said route by BSNL and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is in the process of expanding its cellular network by installing around 14000 additional towers for Mobile Base Transreceiver Stations (BTSs) during the current financial year. The

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

State-wise details of BTS towers proposed to be installed by BSNL during 2005 is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) BSNL has not specifically planned for coverage of Bulandshahr-Shikarpur route by its cellular services. However, the route is significantly covered due to coverage of towns *en-route* except for a small patch of 4 kms. around Chitsaun.

(d) BSNL has planned a BTS at Chitsaun during 2006 to improve the mobile service coverage on the route.

Statement

State-wise details of GSM BTSs planned during the year 2005

Sl. No.	Name of State	BTSs planned in 2005 (Approx.)
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	33
2.	Andhra Pradesh	1051
3.	Assam	300
4.	Bihar	534
5.	Chhattisgarh	56
6.	Gujarat	403
7.	Haryana	517
8.	Himachal Pradesh	270
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	277
10.	Jharkhand	290
11.	Karnataka	1059
12.	Kerala	1145
13.	Madhya Pradesh	190
14.	Maharashtra including Goa	495
15.	NE-I (Meghalaya, Mizoram & Tripura NE-II (Manipur, Nagaland & Arunachal Pradesh)	253
16.	Orissa	505
17.	Punjab	1076
18.	Rajasthan	955
19.	Tamil Nadu including Pondicherry	1603
20.	Uttar Pradesh	1396
21.	Uttaranchal	212
22.	West Bengal including Sikkim	1381
	TOTAL:	14001